

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for keeping records concerning a burial vault, the apparatus comprising:

an archival quality record receptacle embedded in a material of the vault, wherein the record receptacle includes at least one cap, wherein an exposed end of the record receptacle and the cap do not extend past an exposed outer surface of the vault ~~the record receptacle includes means for maintaining a fixed position within the material of the vault~~; and

at least one archival quality record media containing information and sealed within said receptacle.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the material of the vault comprises concrete.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the record media includes information about a deceased being buried within the vault and a burial location of the vault.

4. Cancelled.

5. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 4, wherein the record receptacle and cap comprise a non-corrosive metal.

6. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 4, wherein the record receptacle and cap comprise a plastic material.

7. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 4, further comprising a seal between the record receptacle and the cap.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the seal comprises an O-ring.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the receptacle includes a groove and the groove accommodates the O-ring.

10. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 4, further comprising a sealing means for creating a water-tight seal between the record receptacle and the cap.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further including an adhesive bonding the record receptacle and the material of the vault.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the adhesive comprises an epoxy resin.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the record receptacle includes at least one groove for maintaining the position of the record receptacle within the material of the vault.

14. Cancelled.

15. Cancelled.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the record receptacle comprises a cylindrical shape.

17 – 86 Cancelled.

87. (Previously presented) An apparatus for keeping records concerning a burial vault, the apparatus comprising:

an archival quality record receptacle embedded in a material of the vault, wherein an exposed end of the record receptacle is recessed with respect to an exposed outer surface of the vault to protect the receptacle; and

at least one archival quality record media containing information and sealed within said receptacle.

88. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 87, wherein the material of the vault comprises concrete.

89. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 87, wherein the record media includes information about a deceased being buried within the vault and a burial location of the vault.

90. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 87, wherein the record receptacle includes at least one cap and means for releasably sealing the cap.

91. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 90, wherein the record receptacle and cap comprise a non-corrosive metal.

92. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 90, wherein the record receptacle and cap comprise a plastic material.

93. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 90, further comprising a seal between the record receptacle and the cap.

94. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 93, wherein the seal comprises an O-ring.

95. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 94, wherein the receptacle includes a groove and the groove accommodates the O-ring.

96. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 90, further comprising a sealing means for creating a water-tight seal between the record receptacle and the cap.

97. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 87, further including an adhesive bonding the record receptacle and the material of the vault.

98. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 97, wherein the adhesive comprises an epoxy resin.

99. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 87, wherein the record receptacle includes at least one groove for maintaining the position of the record receptacle within the material of the vault.

100. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 87, wherein the record receptacle comprises a cylindrical shape.

101. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the record receptacle includes means for maintaining a fixed position within the material of the vault.

102. (New) A method for keeping records concerning a burial vault, comprising:
providing a record receptacle and a cap for the record receptacle;
embedding the record receptacle in a material of the vault; and
providing a recess in the vault such that an exposed end of the record receptacle and the cap do not extend past an outermost surface of the vault.

103. (New) The method of claim 102, further including providing at least one archival quality record media containing information and sealable within said receptacle.

104. (New) The method of claim 102, wherein the material of the vault comprises concrete.

105. (New) The method of claim 102, wherein the record media includes information about a deceased being buried within the vault and a burial location of the vault.

106. (New) The method of claim 102, wherein the record receptacle and cap comprise a non-corrosive metal.

107. (New) The method of claim 102, wherein the record receptacle and cap comprise a plastic material.

108. (New) The method of claim 102, further including adding an adhesive bonding the record receptacle and the material of the vault.

109. (New) The method of claim 102, wherein the adhesive comprises an epoxy resin.

110. (New) The method of claim 102, wherein the record receptacle includes at least one groove for maintaining the position of the record receptacle within the material of the vault.